

REMARKS

In the final Office Action, the Examiner continued to reject claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11-15, 17, 18, 21, and 55 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over TESSLER et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,289,090) in view of TOY et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,192,115), and rejected claims 6, 9, 10, 16, 19, and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over TESSLER et al. in view of TOY et al., and further in view of BARAL et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,932,042).

By way of this amendment, Applicants propose canceling claims 2 and 12 and amending claims 1, 11, 13, and 21 to improve form.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 11-15, 17, 18, 21, and 55 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over TESSLER et al. in view of TOY et al. Applicants propose canceling claims 2 and 12 herewith, thereby rendering the rejection of those claims moot. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the remaining claims.

Amended claim 1 recites receiving a request from a calling party to send to a first call station a number sent from the first call station and associated with a second call station, where the request is initiated in response to the calling party selecting one or more designated keys during an establishment of a call between the first call station and the second call station, terminating the establishment of the call between the first call station and the second call station in response to receiving the request, and sending the number in accordance with the request. Applicants respectfully submit that TESSLER et al. and TOY et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest this combination of features.

For example, TESSLER et al. and TOY et al. do not disclose or suggest terminating the establishment of the call between the first call station and the second call station in response to receiving the request. By stark contrast, TESSLER et al. specifically discloses that the decision to terminate a call between a calling party and a called party is made after the requested called party information is provided to the calling party (see, for example, col. 9, lines 5-17). Similarly, TOY et al. discloses at col. 5, lines 1-8, that the decision to terminate a call between a calling party and a called party is made after the requested called party information is provided to the calling party (see, also, steps 203, 209, 215, and 219 of Fig. 2). Therefore, TESSLER et al. and TOY et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, do not disclose or suggest terminating the establishment of the call between the first call station and the second call station in response to receiving the request, as recited in Applicants' amended claim 1.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that claim 1 is patentable over TESSLER et al. and TOY et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination.

Claims 3-5, 7 and 8 depend from claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that these claims are patentable over TESSLER et al. and TOY et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

Independent claims 11, 21, and 55 recite features similar to the features given above with respect to claim 1. Therefore, these claims are patentable over TESSLER et al. and TOY et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for reasons similar to those given above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 13-15, 17, and 18 depend from claim 11. Therefore, Applicants submit that these claims are patentable over TESSLER et al. and TOY et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 11.

Claims 6, 9, 10, 16, 19, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over TESSLER et al. in view of TOY et al., and further in view of BARAL et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 6, 9, and 10 depend from claim 1. Applicants submit that the disclosure of BARAL et al. does not remedy the deficiencies in the disclosures of TESSLER et al. and TOY et al. noted above with respect to claim 1. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 6, 9, and 10 are patentable over TESSLER et al., TOY et al., and BARAL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

Claims 16, 19, and 20 depend from claim 11. Applicants submit that the disclosure of BARAL et al. does not remedy the deficiencies in the disclosures of TESSLER et al. and TOY et al. noted above with respect to claim 11. Therefore, Applicants submit that claims 16, 19, and 20 are patentable over TESSLER et al., TOY et al., and BARAL et al., whether taken alone or in any reasonable combination, for at least the reasons given above with respect to claim 11.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the timely allowance of the pending claims. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the present amendment because the amendment places the application in condition for allowance and

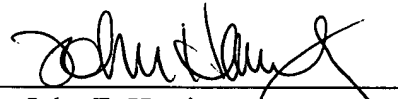
does not raise new issues since similar features have already been examined with respect to claims 2 and 12.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 13-2491 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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